

# October 2011 Newsletter



Spirited horse at the base of Mt. Helena.  
Photo by Monique Mandali

## October Program

Sorry, folks, but due to last minute changes there will be no October Program. Fear not! We already have programs lined up for Thursday, November 10 & December 12. More on those later.

### **Instead, we have a question for you:**

**What would it take for the Helena Outdoor Club to offer 10 trips per month?**

**Answer:** Very little. With over 120 members, if every one of us would lead just one trip per year, we'd have that many!

**Yes, friends,**



### **Come out of your shell, you outdoorsy adventurers!**

Think of something you'd like to lead and tell us about it. It can be short (one hour), any day of the week, in the am or pm, around or beyond Helena, on foot, bike, boat, snowshoes, skates or skis. **You'll be much loved!**

Call JoAnne (449-7971), Helen (461-6741) or email Monique ([monique@mandali.com](mailto:monique@mandali.com)) to add your trip idea to the monthly newsletters! Or, for more spontaneous ideas, post it on our Yahoo group.

## Day Trips

All trips are weather-dependent and subject to last minute cancellation.

**Show & Go Monday morning trips:** Join Barb on short hikes in the Helena area. Meet at 9:00 am at the parking lot next to the old Center Stage building on Euclid. Call Barb (443-1159) for details or read about the following week's trip on our Yahoo group.

**Show & Go Tuesday evening hikes:** Meet at 5:30 pm in the parking lot next to Birds & Beasleys across from the L&C Library. Hike on Mt. Helena or Ascension trails. Bring a headlamp. Call JoAnne (449-7971) for details.

### **Saturday, October 8: Hiking or Mountain Biking in the Sun River Game Range, west of Augusta.**

**Hikers:** there are lots of hills to explore in this little-used game reserve that offers fantastic views of both the majestic Front to the west and the sweet rolling Plains to the east.

**Mountain bikers:** we'll bike a hilly 12-mile loop, 2/3 on gravel roads and old jeep trails, the rest single-track. About 3.5 hours riding time with gorgeous vistas. For advanced beginners or intermediate bikers. Bring snacks & water. We'll meet at 8:00 am and carpool to the Range's parking lot, then split into two groups. We'll have maps for both hikers & bikers. Contact Monique (495-9206) for details & meeting place.

**Saturday, October 15: Humbug Spires hike, south of Butte.** A low-elevation hike on a well-maintained trail with stunning views of vertical granite rock formations and beautiful aspen groves in full fall color along the way. 8 miles, moderately strenuous with 1,100 ft. elev. gain. Leaving at 8:00 am. Contact Helen (461-6741) for details and meeting place.

### **Stay in touch through our Yahoo group:**

**Reminders, additional and last-minute trips are posted on our YAHOO group**, a network of over 100 local outdoorsy folks and potential trip companions. You can find us here:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hoc\\_members/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hoc_members/).

**If you aren't already on this list and want to know how to sign up**, email [monique@mandali.com](mailto:monique@mandali.com) and she'll send you instructions.

[www.helenaoutdoorclub.org](http://www.helenaoutdoorclub.org)

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